

Remarks

Claims 1-15 are pending.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner set forth a requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 restricting Applicant to one of the following inventions: (I) claims 1-11 and 15; (II) claims 12 and 13; and (III) claim 14. Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 12 and 13, directed to a serine protease D-G polypeptide. This election is without traverse insofar as the groups are directed to patentably distinct inventions.

The Examiner further required an election of a species corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 9. Applicant hereby elects the species corresponding to SEQ ID NO: 2. Applicant respectfully submits that two is a reasonable number of species of amino acid sequences to examine in one application, and therefore requests the Examiner to consider both species in the present application and to examine on the merits at least the full scope of subgeneric claim 13 in the present application. See M.P.E.P. § 806.04.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests prompt action on the merits of the elected subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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